

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
KLAUS HELLERBRAND et al.

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For: COATED IMPLANTS, THEIR  
MANUFACTURING AND USE THEREOF

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Examiner: DENNIS HEYER

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 12, 2012

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 19, 2011, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.